

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re PATENT application of:	)	
John C. HERMANSEN	)	-
Serial No. 09/275,766	) Examine ) Art Unit	
Filed: March 25, 1999	) )	. 17/23
Title: AUTOMATED PAYMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD	) ) ).	

## STATUS INQUIRY

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## Sir:

- 1. More than seven months have passed since the application was filed.
- 2. Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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